

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

The Applicant amends FIG. 1, as indicated on the enclosed Replacement Page to add a reference numeral for the gap 19; add a schematic illustration of the vacuum or suction device 5; and add a schematic illustration of an HF voltage source 7. The enclosed Annotated Marked-Up Copy indicates the changes in red.

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Entry of the amendments noted above is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 16-23, and 27-29 are pending. All claims are amended herein. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15 and 24-26 have been deleted. Claims 27-29 have been added.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to show elements recited in the claims. The Applicant submits proposed changes to FIG. 1. FIG. 1 is altered in three respects: 1) a reference number 19 is added to call out the "gap" recited in claim 12; and 2) a suction device 5 is added; and 3) an HF voltage source 7 (recited in claim 18) is added. The suction device and the HF voltage source are illustrated schematically. The specification as originally filed described the suction device and the HF voltage source.

It is noted that the gap 19 itself was present in the drawings as filed; the modification here is simply to add a reference numeral.

No new matter has been added.

Specification

The specification is amended in several respects:

- A sentence is added at page 11, lines 23-26 to describe the reference number 19 designating the gap recited in claim 12.
- At page 10, line 24, the reference number 5 is added, and the word "suction" is added as an alternative to "vacuum".
- A reference number 7, designating the HP voltage source (recited in claim 18) is added to the text at page 10, line 25 and on page 12, lines 4 and 7.
- At page 15, beginning at line 27, a paragraph has been inserted to capture the text that was present in claim 24 as originally filed.

No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter and Objections

The Examiner indicated that the following claims were allowable over art rejections, but were objected to: 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, and 19-22. Appropriate amendments to these claims to overcome the Examiner's objections are made herein. In some cases, claims are written in independent form; in some cases, this Response makes changes to language in the claims to address the noted informalities.

Rejections Under 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 12, 16, 18 and 23 were rejected under Section 112, second paragraph. Appropriate amendments are made herein.

Art Rejections

All of the claims rejected on the basis of art (102(e) with regard to Ritchart et al '806) are cancelled. Therefore the art rejections are obviated.

New Claims

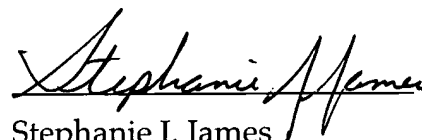
Claims 27-29 are new claims analogous to claims 4, 8, and 10, respectively, but recite "one or more" grooves. These claims are supported by the Specification as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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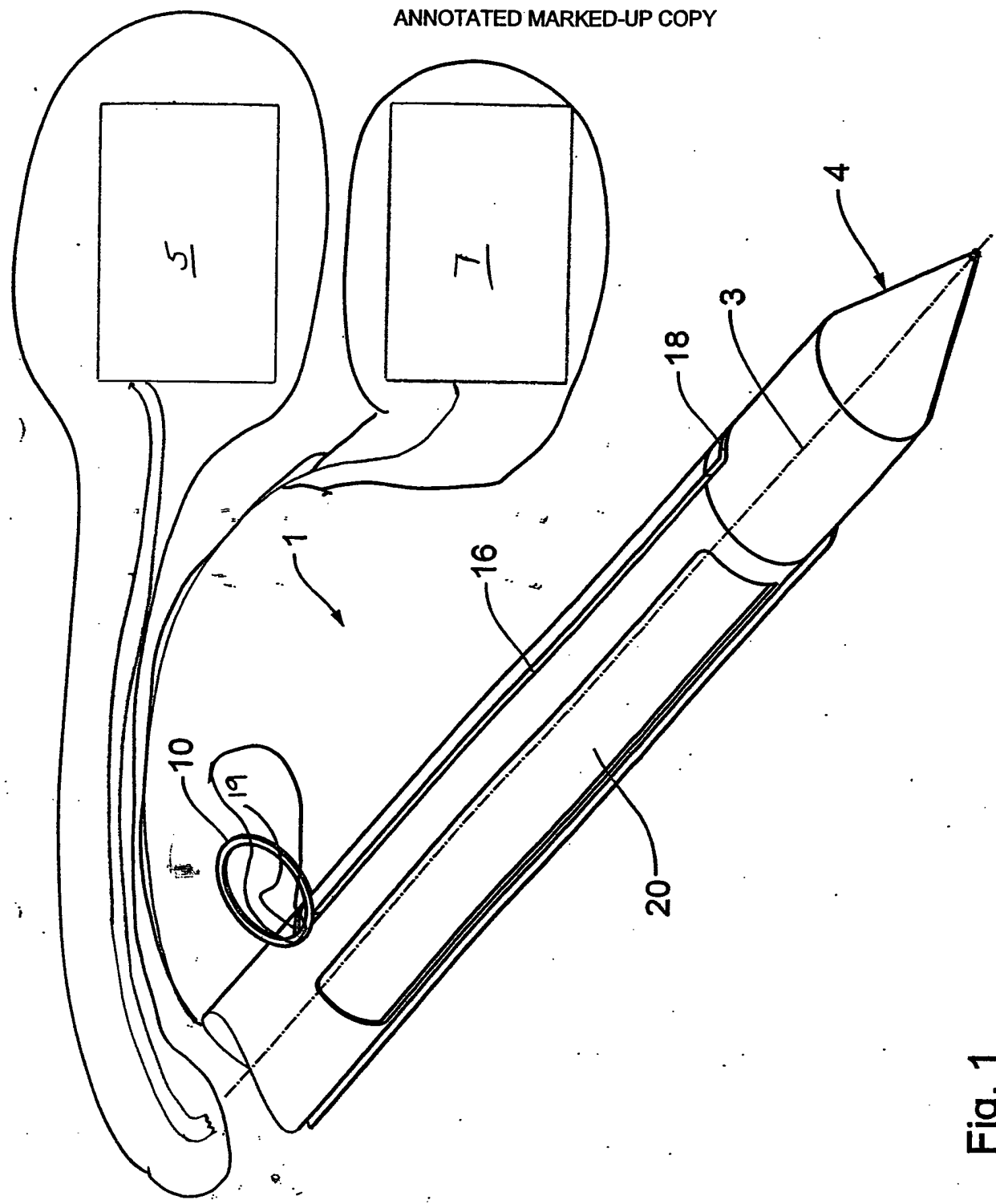


Fig. 1